IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A data processing apparatus, comprising:

a plurality of output terminals for outputting digital data, said digital data including predetermined copy control data; ~~and~~

a first format processing unit coupled to a first output terminal from among said plurality of output terminals for providing a digital signal in a first data format;

a second format processing unit coupled to a second output terminal from among said plurality of output terminals for providing a digital signal in a second data format;

one or more switches coupled to said first and second format processing units; and

a control means for controlling said one or more switches and each of said plurality of output terminals such that said digital data is selectively output from said first or second output terminal in said first or second data format ~~only a specified one of said plurality of output terminals~~ according to said predetermined copy control data.

2. (previously presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means adds said predetermined copy control data to said digital data to be output from said one specified output terminal.

3. (previously presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined copy control data indicates whether said digital data can be copied.

4. (currently amended) A data processing method, comprising:

conveying digital data to a plurality of outputs on an apparatus;

adding predetermined copy control data to said digital data; ~~and~~

converting said digital data to a first or second data format based on said predetermined copy control data; and

controlling each of said plurality of outputs such that said converted digital data is selectively output from only a specified one of said plurality of outputs in either said first or second data format according to said predetermined copy control data.

5. (currently amended) The data processing method according to claim 4, wherein the step of adding predetermined control data further comprises~~:~~ adding said predetermined copy control data to said digital data to be output from said one specified output.

6. (previously presented) The data processing method according to claim 4, wherein said predetermined copy control data indicates whether said digital data can be copied.

7. (new) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first data format conforms to the IEEE 1394 standard.

8. (new) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second data format conforms to the IEC 958 standard.

9. (new) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second data format comprises an optical output.

10. (new) The data processing method according to claim 4, wherein converting said digital data to a first data format comprises converting said digital data into an optical signal.

11. (new) The data processing method according to claim 4, wherein converting said digital data to a first data format comprises converting said digital data into the IEC 958 data format.

12. (new) The data processing method according to claim 4, wherein converting said digital data to a second data format comprises converting said digital data into the IEEE 1394 data format.